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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1893

Mr. Cleveland has been re-baptized the Great Head of his party.

Massillon's motto for 1893: N. m. m. ass and scoop in as many h. institutions as we did in 1892.

When it comes to handsome new churches, this good old town of ours is bound to lead the procession.

Dr. McGlynn has been presented with purses aggregating \$3,000 since his restoration. No wonder the doctor feels well with himself.

Tuesday, January 3, the postoffice department will distribute for actual use the new Columbian postage stamps. They are appropriate in design and large in size.

The New York Sun says that most of the people who are rejoicing with such exceeding great joy over the restoration of McGlynn to the priesthood are enemies to the Roman Catholic church.

Jay Gould was one of the men of whom few say, "speak nothing but good of the dead." George Gould is reported to have in his possession a strip three miles long of exceedingly uncomplimentary notices of his father.

Mr. Cleveland and Tammany have ceased to sleep in the same bed since the election. Mr. Cleveland wants to dictate to the empire state, and Tammany declines to take orders, and proposes to make Murphy senator anyway.

The latest exposure of the traffic in Italian women, who are sold to Italian laborers in this country, is one of the beauties of our unrestricted immigration. Mexico is said to be ambitious to have the tide of immigrants turned in that direction. For goodness sake give them all to Mexico. We do not need them.

Our coal roads are bound to have a little war. The Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling and the Wheeling & Lake Erie railways own their own mines, and, so the story goes, enter into a pool to hold freight rates even with the other roads, but cut the price of the coal itself, and thus capture the cream of the trade. The Hocking Valley does not like it—hence the eruption.

The council can not act too soon in securing the actual construction of the new engine house and incidentally getting that fire alarm system into operation, for if ever men were deserving of a reward, the firemen of Massillon are. The burning of a straw stack seems but a little thing, but to any one who witnessed at the Paper Mill fire on Friday night, the labor required on the part of the fireman to stop the flames from eating their way to the mill, the fact was apparent that the men who worked at that stack from nine o'clock in the evening until five the next morning were battling for the safety of thousands of dollars worth of property and the bread and butter of many workmen and their families. Let them be rewarded.

This is what the Hancock county Courier published at Findlay, says about the shortage of gas in that city and vicinity:

"Now that the manufacturers fully realize that it is a matter of impossibility for the city to furnish them with gas for fuel the most of them are arranging to use oil. There is no doubt that this will prove a very satisfactory solution of the fuel question. Of course it is to be regretted on all sides that gas can no longer be furnished, but even with the use of oil the factories in this city will have an advantage over all others elsewhere in the use of an economical and convenient fuel. Necessarily the factories will be put to some cost and inconvenience in this change of fuel, but when they get the best appliances in running prove it is believed that oil will really provide more reliable and satisfactory than gas. It is safe to say that no manufacturing establishment will leave Findlay on account of the question of fuel."

The trouble following President Garfield's break with Senators Conkling and Platt over New York state patronage amounted to nothing compared with the difficulties in which Mr. Cleveland has involved himself by coming up against the candidacy of Edward Murphy, chosen by Tammany to represent New York. If the position of the President-elect is creditable to his personal judgment, it is not to his good taste.

What business is it of his whether Edward Murphy is selected or not? Were he a private citizen an opinion would be well enough, but with all his prospective power back of him, it looks like a determination to lead the

EMPIRE STATE AROUND BY THE NOSE. No man is bigger than one of the United States of America, not even Grover Cleveland

The New York World prints one of the cleverest reviews of human endeavor in 1892, and says:

"In our own United States history an interesting rift in the importance assumed in this year's history by the letter C. Consider these half-dozen words:

Cleveland,
Cobett,
Crocker,
Columbus,
Chicago,
Cholera.

The World's view of the relative importance of things puts the greatest touch and the most unscrupulous politicians for revenue only in second and third places respectively. Granting Mr. Crocker's importance, it is possible that next year The World will be obliged to arrange its C's thus:

Cholera,
Crocker,
Corbett,
Columbus,
Cleveland,
Chicago.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

It has been a habit of long standing with THE INDEPENDENT to print on each recurring first of January a short review of local business interests. It has never been quite so easy, however, as it is this year, to present these facts, and at the same time an air of entire satisfaction with the existing state of things. This has been a great year for Massillon, great not so much in a tual accomplishments, as in preparation for benefits yet to come. Old established interests have increased and prospered, public improvements have been completed, and if there have been things to criticize, there is much more with which to express approbation.

The board of trade has done magnificent work. It has secured a state institution of magnitude against many competing cities, and it has brought to us the division terminals of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railway. We can every one of us, to-day, afford to take off our hats to the executive committee of the board of trade.

The Canton-Massillon electric railroad has been completed, and there is talk of extensions of the system to the South and to the West. The city lines are included in the harvest of good things gathered in 1892. The Ft. Wayne and the Massillon & Cleveland route is once more in commission. The Massillon railroad has been built into our coal fields from Navarre, and the parent company is on the eve of constructing a still more important spur into Massillon city.

Numerous coal mines have been opened, and all the stone quarries have been fully operated. The brick-making industry has shown wonderful development, and the large pottery that was so recently burned down is rising from its own ashes.

Splendid churches and residences are under construction, and others are in contemplation. All along the line the word is extension and improvement.

THE INDEPENDENT congratulates everybody and itself on the auspicious opening of the new year, and hopes that one and all will realize to the utmost their several expectations.

STONE RIVER ANNIVERSARY.

The Event Commemorated on Saturday Night.

The annual meeting of the 13th Regiment O. V. I., held in the G. A. R. hall Saturday evening, Dec. 31, 1892, anniversary of the battle of Stone River, Tenn., was successful beyond the hopes of the promoters of the affair. The custom of holding an annual meeting has been observed for several years past among the members of the 13th Regiment in this locality and, heretofore, the reunions have been held at the homes of various members. But as the good times they had become voiced about, the number attending increased each year, and the advisability of having larger quarters became manifest, and it was, therefore, decided to hold their meeting for '92 and succeeding years in the G. A. R. hall, whose walls have seen many a pleasant feast of the veterans, where, with large and spacious reception and dining halls, kitchen and all adjuncts complete, a party of any size can readily be entertained.

After the officers for the ensuing year were elected and greetings sent to absent comrades, a general good time and experience meeting was held, in the midst of which the members were agreeably surprised by the ladies announcing supper. Then began such a scene of foraging and devastation as was never beheld by the younger persons present; then after peace had been declared (but not a piece could be found) the veterans adjourned, wishing all a happy new year, to meet there again on Dec. 31, 1893.

To Prevent the Grip.

Or any other similar epidemic the blood and the whole system should be kept in healthy condition. If you feel worn out or have "that tired feeling" in the morning, do not be guilty of neglect. Give immediate attention to yourself. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla to give strength, purify the blood and prevent disease.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, jaundice, biliousness, sick headache, constipation.

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CAUSED WILD RUMORS.

SEVERAL WORKMEN AT RUSSELL'S SHOP ARE SUSPENDED.

The Affair Gives Rise to Several Untruthful Reports and Stories—The Employees and Foreman Garrigues Each State Their Sides of the Case.

All sorts of rumors and stories have been current on the streets of Massillon, since Saturday night, regarding the suspension from work of twelve men, employed in the automatic machine department of Russell & Co.'s shop. On that day they received the following notice:

"We regret that the condition of business is such that we are compelled to suspend you for a time. Respectfully,
RUSSELL & CO."

The men were among the best and steadyest of employees in the shop, and they say that they are at a loss to know the reason for the action. It would be unprofitable to discuss a question of this sort; in these columns other than to state both sides of the case in order that whatever wild rumors which may injure either the employees or the employers may be obviated. The employees are loath to discuss the matter, but those of them who will talk at all are disposed to believe that their suspension is due either to a difference of opinion which existed some time ago between their foreman and themselves regarding their reluctance to work overtime, or else because they are members of the International Machineists' Association.

Sec'y O. M. Russell of the firm was seen at noon to-day, but expressed himself as at that time ignorant of the suspension of the men.

The foreman of the automatic machine department, in which these men were employed, is Howard Garrigues, and in his story of the affair he states: "The men were simply suspended, and not a single one discharged, and as soon as it is possible to do so, we will take them all back again. We have for the last five months on account of a number of large orders which had to be filled on short notice, been working night and day, and therefore were obliged to employ extra men for the night turn. On last Friday, the night work was discontinued, thus making it necessary to suspend, for a time, some of the men, and it fell to the lot of those who received the notice."

"The report circulated to the effect that the men were suspended because they were members of the 'International Machineists' Association' is absolutely false; we do not recognize the union in the shops, and therefore do not make it our business to find out who are members and who are not. None has the refusal of the men to work nights anything to do with the matter, for as soon as they refused to do this, a night force was made up from outside men."

MADE AN ASSIGNMENT.

L. A. Koons, the West Side Merchant As signs to E. G. Williamson.

At noon to-day, L. A. Koons, proprietor of the West Side 5 and 10 cent bazar, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, to Attorney E. G. Williamson. The liabilities at \$3,500, and the estimated assets are given as \$4,000. The carrying of a big stock of holiday goods and the inability to meet certain payments at this time are given as causes for the assignment. Mr. Koons is one of Massillon's best known business men and everybody hopes that he will emerge safely from the difficulty.

ANOTHER BUSINESS CHANGE.

Edward N. Falke Retires from the Firm of S. A. Conrad & Co.

A business change which took effect with the incoming of the year 1893, was the retirement of Edward N. Falke from the firm of S. A. Conrad & Co. the Main street hardware firm.

Though Mr. Falke has partially detached upon his future business, he is not ready at present to make public his plans.

Celebrated New Year's Day
Massillon Lodge No. 484, G. G. M. Odd Fellows, held a New Year's celebration at their hall Sunday evening. The room was handsomely decorated, and a large New Year's tree covered with presents adorned one corner of the room. An opening chorus was rendered by the Lodgerchorus, after which addresses were delivered in German by Messrs. Tobias Schott and Fredrick Weller, and in English by Attorney Frank Reinhold. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed by singing and chatting, and after the distribution of presents the members retired to their respective homes.

The Suspended Men Reply.

Some of the men who have been suspended from the automatic machine department at Russell & Co.'s works, called at THE INDEPENDENT office this morning and wished the following statement made: "We have read Mr. Garrigues's statement in last evening's paper, and would say in reply that he forgot to state that the men suspended were all old employees, and no objection could be given as to our work or conduct. We also wish to say that we are men with families, and we were replaced mostly by single men who came from a distance."

Perry Grange Election.

Perry Grange, P. of H., has elected the following officers for the year of 1893: Master, S. B. Stern; overseer, M. D. Oberlin; lecturer, E. D. Doll; steward, A. Deitz; assistant steward, H. Everhard; chaplain, C. K. Smith; treasurer, B. Doll; secretary, Mrs. S. O. Egger; G. K. S. Hollman, C. Mrs. C. Smith; P. K. S. Hollman; M. Mrs. J. Hammond; L. A. S. Mrs. M. Hartzall. Installation and open meeting on January 21 in Grange Hall.

Mrs. S. O. EGGERT, Secretary.

During the past half century—since the discovery of Ayer's Sarsaparilla—the average limit of human life in civilized countries has been considerably lengthened. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is everywhere considered the standard blood purifier, the superior medicine.

CONCERNING COMMODORE FOLGER.

He Says Farewell to His Bureau of Ordnance Assistant.

A Washington dispatch to the New York World has the following to say concerning Commodore Folger:

"This was the last day which Commodore William M. Folger put in the navy department as chief of the bureau of ordnance.

"During the forenoon he was visited by the officers attached to the bureau and the clerks in the office, and to each the commodore had something pleasant to say. In a formal address to the assembled assistants, he modestly disposed the credit for the results of his administration among those who had been associated with him. He said that no one man had been entitled to the glory of what had been accomplished, but that the good showing made in naval ordnance was due to the unity of feeling and the combined efforts of officers and clerks.

"Commodore Folger will go on an extended leave, and later will interest himself in matters that have no connection with ordnance work. The matter of his successor has been discussed in these dispatches, and, as already stated, the next chief of the bureau will be Capt. W. T. Sampson, who was ordered to Washington some months ago as inspector of ordnance at the Washington gun shops, where he has served a sort of apprenticeship for the chiefship of the bureau. His place at the gun foundry will be filled, probably, by Commander T. E. Jewell, at present in charge of the torpedo station at Newport.

"This leaves the commandantship of the Washington yard still vacant, and, if Admiral Brown does not want it, Capt. John A. Howell, president of the steel board, may be detailed for the duty."

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

The Massillon Stoneware Company's Annual Election.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Massillon Stoneware Company held last night, the following board of directors were chosen for the ensuing year: Andrew Boerner, Frank A. Vogt, William W. Walker, Mary C. Shepley and Felix R. Shepley. The board organized immediately after the meeting and elected the following officers: President, Andrew Boerner; vice president, Frank A. Vogt; secretary and treasurer, Felix R. Shepley.

As Mr. Vogt retires from the active position of salesman, in order to enter into other business, Mr. Shepley, in connection with his other duties as secretary, will also look after the sales department. This will necessitate his retirement from the cigar manufacturing business in order to devote his entire time to the stoneware company, and it is, therefore, his intention to close out his cigar trade.

SHE DROPPED DEAD.

The Sudden Death of Mrs. Katharine Wagner.

Mrs. Katharine Wagner, wife of Jacob Wagner, residing about one mile east of the city, dropped dead Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, while looking for some article in a drawer in the dressing case in her room.

Mrs. Wagner was one of the oldest residents in this vicinity, being 86 years of age. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, from the house.

A Massillon Man Elected.

The State Board of School Examiners, who were in session in Columbus last week, completed their work on Friday and issued teachers certificates to the successful candidates. Of the eighty candidates listed, seventy took the examination, thirteen of whom received high school life certificates, thirty-three common school life certificates, and three certificates, special in music and penmanship. Before adjourning the board reorganized as follows: President, E. A. Jones, Massillon; secretary, J. W. Knott, Wooster; treasurer, E. T. Nelson, Delaware; the other members of the board being J. Hartzler, of Newark, and L. D. Bonebrake, of Mt. Vernon.

West Brookfield.

The schools here had vacation last week.

Jacob Eckhart, of Wooster, visited relatives in this vicinity the past few days.

Geo. Pattinson spent the holidays at Fremont, O.

Mrs. Mary Peaseley, of Brighton, O., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Smith.

Ira Waisner, Grant Speck, David Speck and Dr. Kimber, of East Greenville, paid \$7.90 each for hunting rabbits with a ferret on Arthur Oberlin's farm on Friday.

Harvey Miller, Harry Christman and Ernest Levers, college boys, are spending their holiday vacations at home.

W. M. Minnick, Peter Scharles and H. M. Smith killed 62 rabbits near Somersdale this week.

Miss Virgie Linn is at home with her mother, Mrs. J. O. Jones.

Where is Uncle Billy Burt? He has been absent since election day.

This has been a good week for the mines.

The thermometer indicated 4 degrees on Wednesday morning.

Albert Pattinson spent New Year's day at Sterling, O.

Mrs. Pattinson is visiting relatives in the northwestern part of the State.

THE MASSILLON CEMETERY.

Superintendent Merrell Makes A Annual Report.

The following is the annual report of the number of interments in the Massillon Cemetery for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892, as furnished by Cemetery Sexton D. M. Merrell. Total interments 131, from the following places: Massillon, 89; Greenville, 1; Perry township, 15; Bloomington, Ill., 1; Smoketown, 1; Tuscarawas township, 2; Bethlehem township, 4; Cleveland, 5; Beach City, 1; Navarre, 1; Jackson township, 1; Sugar Creek, 2; New York, 1; Norwalk, 1; Canton, 1; Newnam, 1; Maynard, 2; Muncie, Ind., 1; Springfield, Ind., 1.

	Male.	Female.
January.....	8	6
February.....	5	4
March.....	6	2
April.....	6	2
May.....	6	2
June.....	8	5
July.....	3	3
August.....	6	4
September.....	7	5
October.....	2	4
November.....	6	4
December.....	11	4
Total.....	77	54

Their ages were as follows: One year and under, 29; 1 to 5 years, 9; 5 to 10 years, 3; 10 to 20 years, 6; 20 to 30 years, 13; 30 to 40 years, 14; 40 to 50 years, 13; 50 to 60 years, 8; 60 to 70 years, 17; 70 to 80 years, 13; 80 to 90 years, 8; 90 to 100 years, 1.

GANNON PROVED AN ALIBI.

The Man Accused of Firing the Paper Mill Straw Stack Released.

Thomas Gannon, the young man who was suspected of having set fire to the straw stack at the Massillon paper mills on Friday night, and who was arrested on that charge, had his hearing on Saturday evening. Gannon proved that he had not been at the scene of the fire before the department arrived, but was at the house of Timothy Nolan. He also produced a witness in the person of Sherman Budd, who swore that he met Gannon near Nolan's house and that he went to the fire with him.

The witnesses on the other side did not claim before the mayor that they had seen Gannon before the fire, as they stated on Saturday morning, but that they had noticed him about the mill after the hose company arrived. There being insufficient evidence to warrant binding Gannon over, the mayor dismissed the case, and Gannon was allowed to go.

THE RAINFALL FOR 1892.

Superintendent Inman, of the Massillon Water Company, furnishes the following interesting report of the amount of rainfall during each month in the year of 1892, as shown by the company's gauge:

January.....	.98	July.....	.635
February.....	2.50	August.....	3.37
March.....	2.21	September.....	2.66
April.....	2.10	October.....	.92
May.....	5.72	November.....	1.52
June.....	5.69	December.....	1.31
Total for the year.....	38.33		

A Newspaper Change.

Charles R. Frazier, who for several years has acted as business manager of the Democrat Publishing Company, publishers of the Canton News-Democrat, is about to retire from the active management of the company for the purpose of engaging in other business. He will be succeeded by John C. Harmony, a local politician and a teacher in the Canton public schools.

An Enemy Baffled.

There is an enemy with whom thousands are familiar all their lives, because they are born with a tendency to biliousness. With this enemy they are constantly battling with ineffectual weapons. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will not reform a disordered condition of the liver indicated, not by constipation alone, but also by sick headache, yellowness of the skin and eye balls, nausea, furred tongue and uneasiness more particularly upon pressure on the right side, upon and below the short ribs. Ayer's drastic purgatives, which grip and scourge the bowels, and substitute a worse famous and bilious condition, which likewise removes material, stomachic and kidney complaints, rheumatism and nervousness. As a laxative of the bowels, painless but effective, it improves appetite, and increases the ability to digest, and secures the additional advantages of a standard tonic.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Massillon, January 3:

Baker, Amelia	Robinson, Mrs. David
Brewster, Lydia	Simpson, Mary
	MRS.
Battenberg, Will	Pope, W. H.
Calkin, Edward	Sheets, Theo. H.
Crawford, Joshua	Smith, A. V.
Graves, H. B.	Smith, A. J.
McIntosh, Daniel	Spillings, Joseph

FOREIGN.

Gut, Stanislaw, Kofele, Schvavone, Danerco, China, Kijad, di Salvo, Domenico, Tozzo, Raffaele, Giordano, Pavia, Canalis, Raffaele, Lepore, Fedele, Lepore di Giuseppe (2), Petros, Camino de fulminoso.

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say advertised.

CLEMENT RUSSELL, P. M.

The Promptness with which Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops a hacking cough and induces refreshing sleep is something marvelous. It never fails to give instant relief, even in the worst cases of throat and lung trouble, and is the best remedy for whooping cough.

Chamberlain & Co., Des Moines, Ia., desire to inform the public that they are manufacturers of the most successful preparation that has yet been produced for coughs, colds and croup. It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than any other treatment. The article referred to is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is a medicine that has won fame and popularity on its merits and one that can always be depended upon. It is the only known remedy that will prevent croup. It must be used to be appreciated. It is put up in 50 cent and \$1 bottles. For sale by Morgenthaler & Heister, druggists.

Coughing leads to consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once.

TWO TENDER TRIBUTES.

THE INDEPENDENT is in receipt of two poetic gems, which were accompanied by a request from the author that they be published. It is with pleasure that the request is complied with, and here they are:

A few lines was composed on the occasion give Miss — Jewelry Box December 28, 1892.

She is handsome teacher
Of bright talent are so rare
She knows the way to handle
The pupils with tenderness and care
The beauty of all the teachers
Is to teach their pupils
And then there will be no surprise
She well deserves all the honors
On her are all bestowed
But always now the motto
Remember not to be Proud
We are all aware that we are here
But there is a day near by
That we must not disregard
To the House beyond the sky
We then received our presents
According to our deed
When the Judge pronounced the verdict
We will all get what we need
(A BACHELOR)

A few lines was composed on the presentation of a rocking chair to Mr. —, teacher at —, Ohio, Dec. 23, 1892:

The Scholars and the Neighbors
We declare — We declare
Have present Mr. — the teacher
Of a handsome Rocking Chair
It is not worth many a Dollar
But the token is right there
Of the will and the desire of scholars
In that Handsome Rocking Chair
He well deserves the present
There is no use to throw any snare
Because he will be always a study
In that Handsome Rocking Chair
Sitting in it he will study
At the bright assurance so fair
We will say he will get married
In that Handsome Rocking Chair
And after he will get married
He will come the care
Of his wife and nurse the babies
In that Handsome Rocking Chair
And after you are done toiling
With this earthly things and care
We hope that Jesus will take you
From that Handsome Rocking Chair

Beal's Patent Core Drill.

The manufacture of Beal's Patent Core Drill is a industry, right here in our midst with which comparatively few people in this section are familiar, but which is rapidly taking the front rank as being the best, cheapest and most efficient core drill made. Our fellow townsman, Moses Beal, has not been making much noise with his machine, but the fact that it has attracted the attention of the owners of the North Carolina marble fields and of the anthracite coal fields in Pennsylvania, the owners of coal lands in Ohio, and in fact, the owners of mineral lands in all parts of the United States, who pronounce it the best machine of the kind ever invented, is evidence that its claims for superiority over all other drilling machines now in use are fully substantiated. Owners of undeveloped mineral or quarry lands, by using one of these machines, can, with a very small outlay, ascertain exactly what quantity of mineral and its character lies below the surface. We have seen cores of sandstone taken out by this machine eleven feet in length and three inches in diameter without a flaw or break.

Sounding the earth for foundations for heavy bridges and buildings is one of the features of this machine, which is of importance to large contractors. It is a very rapid machine for putting down wells for water.

With this drill prospecting can also be done under thirty feet of water, on rivers, creeks and other bodies of water, by placing the machine on a flat boat.

Mr. Beal has been engaged in the machine for about three years, and the demand for the machine has been far beyond the capacity to supply. During the past four weeks he has shipped two machines to Scranton, Pa., one to California, one to North Carolina, one to Stark county, O., and one to the Hocking Valley Coal Co.

An old contractor in the anthracite regions near Scranton, Pa., while in Ellyria last week, said that the work of the machine was beyond his expectations. He is now using two of the machines and left an order for the third.

—Lorain County Reporter, December 24, 1892.

To all Coal Men, Prospectors and farmers: Beal's Patent Core Drill will be in operation for the next two weeks on the Wade Coal Company's land near North Industry, Stark Co., O.

Notice.

MASSILLON, O., Jan 3, 1893.
I hereby certify that my loss by fire of barn, live stock, grain and implements, etc., has this day been adjusted in full and to my entire satisfaction. I was insured in the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company.

AUGUST DITTMAR.

Subscribe for THE INDEPENDENT.

NATURAL GAS NEARING ITS END.

Some Information on the Subject from the Black Diamond.

During the recent cold snap, the natural gas company which supplies Ft. Wayne, Ind., cut off all the manufacturing from using gas until after cold weather had passed. It is alleged that some of the citizens of Findlay, O., are so fearful that the supply of natural gas will soon give out that they have requested the city solicitor to apply for an injunction to restrain the gas trustee from giving gas to factories and manufacturing establishments and keep it for the exclusive use of the citizens of Findlay. The gas well at Avonmore, Pa., has become so weak that it has been shut off entirely, and the company is hesitatingly putting money in a hole to secure a better flow. The supply of gas at Painesville, O., has been on the wane for some time, and while the company has promised great things, it amounts so far but to little more than a promise. In fact it is only where the wells are new that anything like satisfactory results can be obtained, and in almost if not quite every case it has been found that the wells grow weaker, and in the end are abandoned entirely. In view of this, it is wise for a factory or a manufacturing establishment to move from a city where it can get a reliable fuel to go to a place where for a short time, possibly, a cheaper but an unreliable fuel can be obtained. It is but necessary to count the cost of moving an immense factory, and resetting the same, to prove that a move to the cheap fuel district will not, in the long run, pay. Coal is practically an inexhaustible fuel, and to all reasonable demands fills the place, in some form, of any other fuel. It is as cheap as should be reasonably asked, and by its use the manufacturer will, in the end, make money. Capitalists are beginning to realize this, and even those who have trusted to the unreliable natural gas are now looking around to see about securing some means of getting coal. A case of this kind is at Fostoria, O., where the gas supply runs so short, according to accounts, that manufacturers there sought to secure special freight rates for the shipment of coal. Natural gas never has proven itself a great competitor to coal, and is fast losing the foothold it now has, and will not, in a short time, be considered any more seriously by the coal merchants than is wood, which has long since given way to the rich, black, fuel diamonds.

As a preventive of the grip Hood's Sarsaparilla has grown into great favor. It fortifies the system and purifies the blood.

Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this week by independent investigators.

Mrs. Wm. Willie is visiting Cleveland friends.

N. S. Johnson has returned from a visit in Richmond, Ind.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davies, of Guy Street, a daughter.

Miss Minnie Huber, of Akron, is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Lizzie Clark, of Barberton, is visiting friends in the city.

Bert Graybill is spending several days with Canal Dover friends.

Miss Minnie Masper, of Cleveland, is the guest of Miss Edith Aundring.

The W. & L. E. trestle over the river at Tremont street is being rebuilt.

Will Warner, of Cleveland, is visiting his mother at West Brookfield.

Miss Hattie Miller has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Wheeling.

Mrs. Dreason, the fortune teller, has moved from Muskingum to West South street.

Joseph R. White and daughter Florence have returned from a visit in New Castle, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ. Smultz, of Findlay, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Miss Mayme Eyster, of Ashland, is visiting Miss Mildred Kiehl, in West Main street.

Miss Maud Keller has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Nette Roope, at Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bartie is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. Snyder, in Young street.

Miss Anna Hansen has been engaged as teacher at St. Barbara's parochial school in West Brookfield.

Mrs. Madigan and daughter Helen, of Cleveland, are visiting—the parents of the former for a few days.

The Messrs. Florence McClaran and Nellie Longardner, of Wooster, are the guests of Miss Grace Miller, in South Erie street.

Mrs. Jonas Lutz has been called to the home of her parents, near Canal Fulton, on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Daniel Westler, of Rudolph Portage county, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. McFarren, in West Main street.

The Episcopal Mite society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Focke, in East Oak street, on Friday evening of this week.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Carr, of South Cleveland avenue, Canton, was buried in the Massillon cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

A new telephone call is No. 13, the city office of the Millport Coal Company. This office is now located in the same room as the J. E. Johns insurance agency.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hookway, Mr. and Mrs. A. Saybolt and W. F. Saybolt, of Wooster, were entertained at the Seiler Hotel, by Mr. Fred Hookway, on Sunday.

The week of prayer is being observed at the Christian church. Meetings will be held each evening this week except Saturday. A general invitation is extended to all.

Mrs. G. Bittinger, while walking on the icy pavement near her residence in South Waescler street yesterday, fell and broke her right arm between the wrist and elbow.

At 8:30 o'clock on Sunday evening, Upton Shutz and Leonora Wyant, of Canton, were united in marriage by the Rev. A. R. Chapman of the Methodist church, in the parlors of the Hotel Sailer.

Prof. F. I. Miller, late principal of the commercial department of the Wadsworth Normal School, has been secured by O. H. Ki Gore to take charge of the penmanship department of the Massillon Business College.

On Saturday the Merchant's National bank received and placed in circulation a consignment of the new Columbian souvenir half dollars. Cashier Ricks claims that the Merchants National was the first bank in Stark county to receive the new coins.

Owing to the progress which has been made in the dismantling of St. Timothy's church the wedding of Miss Alice Gallagher of this city and Mr. E. Trafford Wright, of Pittsburgh, will be held in the Presbyterian church at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, instead in St. Timothy's as was announced in the invitations.

Harmon Loeffler has disposed of his insurance business to Charles V. Hamersmith, to whom he has also sold his office furniture good will, and has leased his office. The companies comprising the agency are the Caledonian, Western Lancashire, Michigan F. & M. Merchants and Rhode Island, fire companies; Mutual Benefit, life, and New York, plate glass.

Margery Braithwaite, of this city, or rather Pigeon Run, through Attorneys Wann & Cow, of Canton, has commenced divorce proceedings against her husband John, asking alimony and the custody of their minor child. The couple were married July 3, 1886, and Braithwaite is now doing time in the penitentiary for assaulting their daughter. The latter is the ground of the petition.

A team of horses belonging to Solomon Peffer, of Canton, ran away this afternoon while coming down the East Main street hill. The horses were attached to a truck loaded with potatoes. The tongue of the wagon went too short, in descending the hill, the vehicle ran a gainst the animals and frightened them. The driver was unable to check their mad pace until one of the horses fell at the bottom of the hill. The truck landed against the curb and smashed one of the back wheels. The horses which fell were badly injured by being dragged on the brick pavement. The team was taken to Dr. Groff's veterinary hospital in North street.

SUICIDE AT MT. EATON.

An Aged Resident of Mt. Eaton Hangs Himself.

Mr. EATON, Jan. 4.—Christian Oplinger, 76 years of age, committed suicide at his home yesterday morning, by hanging. The old man had been sick for some time and has been somewhat deranged, owing to worry over money lost in building a church in this place a few years ago. J. J. W.

DALTON DOINGS.

DALTON, Jan. 4.—THE INDEPENDENT is in demand and read by our best citizens, and the question, "Is there anything from Dalton?" is asked every week. With about six applicants for the postoffice it seems as though there would be quite a scramble and also for the internal revenue collectorship.

Mrs. David McDowell died yesterday after a lingering illness. She fell some time ago, which caused, it is claimed, a cancer to form. When it was operated on by the attending physicians, yesterday, death relieved her. She was about 65 years old.

Christian Oplinger, of Jericho, a small village about five miles southwest of here, committed suicide by hanging himself to a rafter in an outbuilding near his residence yesterday morning. He swung off in a half standing position as the roof was not the height of a man from the floor. Mr. Oplinger was a prominent contractor and carpenter, and was an industrious man. He was 76 years of age. He had been sick some time and his mind seemed somewhat unbalanced, but no one ever thought that he would commit such a rash act. The excitement was great at Jericho yesterday and the place was visited by many people. Several years ago a man living there hung himself in the woods on the river bank.

J. M. Ficus returned on Wednesday from Greensburg, Pa., where he has a suit of ejectment against the Southwest Penna. Railway Co. The case was continued until the next term of court. Dr. F. F. H. Pope was also down there as a witness for the plaintiff in the case. J. M. F.

West Lebanon.

Joseph Gilbert returned home from Chicago, where he was seeking employment as bookkeeper.

Funeral services of the 4 months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gaste-myer, residing in Elton, were held in the Lutheran church at this place last Saturday. The Lutheran minister from Navarre conducted the services.

Mr. Valentine Stoner and Miss Jennie Shank were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Thursday at Brookfield. The bride is a resident of this vicinity, and the groom of Pigeon Run. May their united lives be crowned with peace and joy is our wish.

A party of about sixty five young people assembled last Saturday night at the home of Benjamin Harper and family. A series of plays were indulged in in the early evening, after which oysters were served. Following this dancing was introduced and lasted until the old year was spent. All report a very pleasant time.

North Lawrence.

Richard Richards is confined to his bed with lung fever.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, a son.

Frank Worthen, of Barberton, visiting friends in this place.

Samuel Morgan is seriously ill at the present writing.

Daniel Loftus, of Philadelphia, is home on a vacation.

Elton School.

After many weeks of patient suffering Mrs. Mary Evert was laid to rest in the graveyard at Stande's. Seven children are left to mourn the loss of a good mother.

Mrs. Amanda Evert is spending the week with relatives at Doylestown and Easton.

Mr. Ed Penman, who but recently returned from a visit to Scotland, ate his Xmas dinner with his brother, Wm. Penman.

Mrs. E. M. Beck spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Doughman.

David Thomas, who has been suffering so long, is rapidly nearing the end.

Messrs. Nostead and Sutz received very handsome Christmas gifts in the form of a very fine baby boy to each home.

Master Carl Buss and sister, L. L., were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Wm. Youngman, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner, of Akron, have been visiting their friends in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Zilva McFarren, who has been suffering from the grip, is able to sit up again.

Mr. Henry Hill made a flying visit to this place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gastmiller mourn the loss of their beautiful babe, Laura, who was just four months and three days old. She died Thursday and was buried Saturday at West Lebanon.

Nick Christman, who was Ficked in the head by an over loaded carbine three weeks ago, and whose condition was such that but little hope was entertained for his recovery, is able to sit up, and is on the high road to recovery.

A West Side Accident.

Mrs. L. Henselman, of Waechter street, had just stepped into her home, this morning, after sweeping the snow from the walks about the house, and as her shoes were very slippery she fell, breaking the bone of her right leg between the knee and ankle. Dr. McGhie was called and set the bone.

Death of Mrs. Nettie.

Mrs. William Nettie died at 3 o'clock this morning, at her home in Cherry street, after being ill about two months with consumption. Mrs. Nettie leaves a husband and four small children to mourn her loss. The exact time of the funeral has not been decided upon as yet, but will be stated later.

Thinks He Knows Them.

The barn of William Crooks, in West Main street, was entered by thieves last night, and a new buggy harness stolen. Mr. Crooks thinks he knows the thieves and will prosecute immediately.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

IT WAS READ BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY.

In a Concise Manner Governor McKinley Gives the Legislature Some Valuable Advice—The Massillon Asylum, Street Railway Employees and Other Matters.

Governor McKinley's annual message to the Ohio general assembly was delivered to and read before that body at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Though brief it is concise, and contains much that is of interest respecting state matters and includes recommendations as to needed legislation on various subjects. Extracts from the message are as follows:

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE STATE.

During the fiscal year ending Nov. 15, 1892, the total receipts of the State were \$9,915,082 87, being \$5,544,491 07 of revenues received from all sources during the year, and a balance of \$1,370,591.80 on hand at the close of business on the 15th of November, 1891. The total expenditure during the year ending November 15, 1892, from all funds, was \$6,158,671 24. Of the sum on hand Nov. 15, 1891, \$1,065,705 52 belonged to the sinking fund, and the remainder to the credit of the general revenue fund. The receipts for the year ending Nov. 15, 1892, for the general revenue fund, were \$3,707,675 88, including the donation of \$85,000 from Wayne county for the experiment station, and \$74,729.30 accumulated fees from the secretary of state's office, of a preceding year, which were withheld from the treasury because of pending litigation. The total amount paid out during the year from this fund, upon the auditor of state's warrants, was \$3,777,664 20, or \$69,888.32 in excess of the receipts for the year.

The receipts for the year would have been adequate to meet all expenses and leave a balance remaining in the treasury, but for the extraordinary deficiencies of the previous year, which had to be provided for out of the revenues of the current year. These deficiencies were, for miscellaneous matters, \$132,855 41, and for the boys' industrial school at Lancaster, \$18,194 43, making a total of \$151,049 84.

The public funded debt of the state, on the 15th day of November, 1892, was \$2,045,665, bearing 3 per cent interest, with an annual payment of \$250,000 for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and of \$240,000 in 1899 and \$300,000 in 1900.

The auditor of the state estimates the receipts for the fiscal year, 1893, with the balance of cash on hand November 15, 1892, added, \$6,504,819 83; and the estimated disbursements for the fiscal year 1893, \$6,715,357 52.

THE CANALS.

I would respectfully renew my recommendation made a year ago as to canals that:

"The legislature create a body with engineering, legal and business qualifications, to make a complete report as to the canals of Ohio—giving their origin, the rights of the state as to title, their cost, their earnings in the past and at present, their value as franchises for railroads or other purposes, as nearly as can be estimated, and particularly as to the possibility and advisability of improving them and increasing their usefulness to the people. Already there is in existence a body, which, it is suggested, could with propriety be entrusted with this important work—the canal commission."

During the last year the interest in artificial waterways has increased, not only in the United States, but throughout the civilized world. If Ohio does nothing else, she should hold fast to what property of this kind she has got. Even as the canals now are, there would be a considerable revival of business along their lines, could shippers and boat-owners be convinced that they are not to be abandoned.

THE MASSILLON ASYLUM.

The new Eastern asylum.—The general assembly, at its first session, provided for the selection of a site for a new asylum in eastern Ohio, through a commission to be appointed by the governor. The commission reported in favor of a site near Massillon, Stark county, consisting of 230 acres, valued at \$13,500. This tract of land has been donated to the state, and a warranty deed therefore filed with the auditor of state. In obedience to the act, I have appointed five trustees, two of whom are experts in the care of the insane, to prepare plans and specifications and to estimate the cost of the proposed buildings. Their report will be transmitted to the general assembly for its consideration.

OTHER SUBJECTS.

The report also includes a mention of the state board of health's report. The board was allowed an emergency fund of \$10,000 in anticipation of a prevalence of cholera, and of this fund \$4,102 47 was used. The governor recommends an increased appropriation, and says that he has confidence that, if occasion requires, it will wisely and judiciously be spent. He suggests that a commission be appointed to investigate and consider all plans proposed and experiments made for the betterment of the country roads in the state. He also suggests that the railroad commissioner's recommendation for the protection of railroad employees be considered by the assembly, and says in regard to street railway employees: "This hard-working and exposed class of our fellow citizens should receive the serious attention of the grand assembly. I recommend that within a reasonable time it be required that electric and cable street cars be provided with vestibules, so as to protect the motormen and conductors from the severe weather to which they are exposed. On some lines these vestibules are already used, and have been satisfactorily tried. This, or something better, should be provided for the comfort and safety and health of the men so employed." Ohio's interest in the World's Fair is also spoken of, and public printing, legal fees and official reports are referred to.

Mr. J. N. Ashby, Hiawatha, Kan., like many others who write in a similar strain, has found at last what he wants. He writes: "I had my druggist here to send for a bottle of Salvation Oil for rheumatism and find it the only remedy to give relief, after trying dozens of others."

WILL GO TO DAYTON.

U. S. Delegates Elected to the East Ohio General Conference.

The election of delegates from the East Ohio conference to the general conference of the United Brethren church, which meets every four years, and will this year convene at Dayton, O., has been held throughout the conference. The tellers, Messrs. Jacob Graybill, John Silk and J. H. Williams, who were appointed at the conference held in this city last September, met last evening to record the vote of the conference, which, though taken in November, the church law provides shall be done after the first day of the January following. The balloting throughout the conference district proved to be very complete, and the result is that the delegates elected are: B. F. Booth, D. D., of Dayton; the Rev. D. W. Sprinkle, of Ashland; the Rev. R. Watson, of Massillon, and the Rev. W. O. Siffert, of Navarre.

The alternates elected are as follows: Rev. W. A. Airhart, of Massillon; Rev. Wm. Williamson, of Canton; Rev. W. B. Leggett, of Massillon; and Rev. J. G. Baldwin, of Millin, there being four delegates and four alternates to be elected from the ministry and two delegates and two alternates from the laymen. The lay delegates elected are, Henry Bixler, of Louisville, and Abram Hershey, of Easton. The alternates are, John Aber, of Lake Fork, and George Beckwith, of Sterling. The last general conference was held in 1889 at York, Pa., when it was voted that the conference of 1893 should be held in Dayton, O., where it will meet in July, next.

THEIR HOUSE DESTROYED.

Middletown People Routed out of Their Beds at Three O'clock This Morning.

A one-story house on the west side, in the small settlement known as Middletown, burned to the ground at three o'clock this morning. The West Side hose company turned out and laid their hose but could not reach the fire. The central boys were then summoned, but before they could reach the place, the house was burned down. The building was owned by Samuel Reardon and was occupied by a family named Gruber. The household effects were saved with the exception of a few articles which were in the cellar. A defective flue is the supposed cause of the blaze.

Heart Disease Curable.

The truth of this statement may be doubted by many, but when Dr. Franklin Miles, the eminent Indiana specialist, claims that Heart Disease is curable and proves it by thousands of testimonials of wonderful cures by his New Heart Cure; it attracts the attention of the millions suffering with short breath, palpitation, irregular Pulse, wind in stomach, pain in side or shoulder, smothering spells, fainting, Dropsy, etc. A. F. Davis, Silver Creek, Neb., by using four bottles of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, was completely cured after twelve years suffering from Heart Disease. The wonderful remedy is sold by Z. T. Baltzly Books free.

Persons exposed to the night air, whether seeking pleasure or pursuing the ordinary business avocations of life, should not fail to keep a bottle of Dr. Sullivan's Cough Syrup, the great cough cure, on their dressing tables and take a spoonful before retiring to bed. Many a distressing, dangerous cold may thereby be cut off.

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F. E. SNYDER SELLS HIS STORE.

Jacob Plunkie and Charles Snyder are the Purchasers.

A business change of interest is the sale which has been effected by F. E. Snyder of his stove and tin store and plumbing shop in the stone block in South Erie street, to Jacob Plunkie and Charles Snyder.

Mr. Plunkie, who has been Mr. Snyder's book keeper and head salesman for eleven years, will manage the business, but Charles Snyder, who is a member of the firm of Hees, Snyder & Co., will remain at the works of the latter. Mr. Snyder's plans for the future have not yet been decided upon. The change takes effect to day.

Nervous Prostration.

A large manufacturer, whose affairs were very much embarrassed, and who was overworked and broken down with nervous exhaustion, went to a celebrated specialist. He was told that the only thing needed was to be relieved of care and worry, and have a change of thought. This doctor was more considerate of his patient's health than of his financial circumstances. He ought to have advised him to use Dr. A. H. E. Restorative Nerve, the best remedy for nervous prostration, sleeplessness, dizziness, headache, ill effects of spirits, tobacco, coffee, opium, etc. Thousands testify to cures. Book and trial bottle free at Z. T. Baltzly's.

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A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

THE RECORD OF MASSILLON'S CAPITAL AND BRAINS FOR '92.

Mine Owners, Manufacturers and Wholesale Dealers Tell what They Have Done During the Past Year, and Predict a Future for Massillon.

THE INDEPENDENT presents to its readers its seventh annual business review, and no better indication of the growth and prosperity of the city of Massillon during the past year can be cited than the individual records of each of the industries and firms included.

THE MASSILLON COAL TRADE.

The mining and shipping of Massillon coal continues to be the leading industry of this city, and commands the energies and capital of many of our most enterprising citizens. The business has not been so remunerative for several years past as it was formerly. The sharp competition of coal from Pennsylvania, Southern Ohio and West Virginia, which can be produced and sold at much lower rates, and the natural gas of Northwestern Ohio, are the leading factors in prolonging this condition of the trade. The same unjust discrimination in the price of mining between the Jackson county (O.) and the Massillon districts, is still allowed to be made by the operators and miners of the latter district. This matter was fully dwelt upon by the writer in last year's review, and it is, therefore, deemed unnecessary to speak more fully upon it this time.

The total product of 1892 in the entire district has probably exceeded but little over 1,000,000 tons. Three mines have been worked out and abandoned, and four new ones have been opened, so that the capacity of the mines for the coming year will be relatively greater than during the year just closed.

The following is a list of the mines operated in the Massillon district. There are beside these a few smaller ones which are worked for the retail trade only:

- Ridgeway Barton Company—Clover Hill, H. H. York, South Massillon, Fox Lake No. 2, New mine (Wm. Young's farm), Englewood.
- Howells Mining Company—Anderson, Pigeon Run, Miller Hill, Rose Hill.
- James Mulline—Minglewood.
- West Massillon Coal Company—West Massillon No. 2.
- Elm Run Coal Company—Elm Run, J. F. Pocock—Massillon City.
- Warwick Coal Company—Warwick.
- Upper Pigeon Run Coal Company—Upper Pigeon Run.
- Millport Coal Company—Millport.
- O. Young Coal Company—Camp Creek.

Forrest Coal Company—Forrest. J. F. Barton is president of three companies in this part of Ohio, the Penn Run and Coal Company, Ridgeway Barton Company, and the Fox Lake Coal Company. Mr. Barton says: "These companies have all been doing about the same amount of business during the past three years. We have employed about 1,100 men while working full time, and paying out to employees over \$50,000 monthly; produced 30,000 tons of pig iron and loaded on cars 340,000 tons of coal in 1892. The prices of pig iron, iron ore and coal have been a shade lower in 1892 than through 1891. Collections have been satisfactory throughout the year, and all those with whom we have been transacting business seem to be in good sound condition financially. We are opening one more mine in the Massillon district and have the shaft down forty feet. We expect to put it down 150 feet before passing through the seam of coal. This opening is on the Wm. Young farm in Jackson township near the east line of Lawrence township. We intend to have this North Massillon mine in complete working order and be in every way prepared to load on cars 500 tons of coal daily in July, 1893. I cannot see anything to prevent a continuous large business during the coming year excepting the uncertainty which exists in nearly every business man's mind as to what the next congress will do in changing the laws which are now guiding nearly all large business affairs in the United States."

Howells Mining Co.—President A. Howells, of the the Howells Mining Company, which is among the largest of the mining interests in the city, says: "We produced from all our mines something over 90,000 tons of coal, and paid out to our employees, including our new mines, about \$180,000 in the year of 1892. The prospects for our business of 1893 are very favorable. The Warwick mines—mining has been a little slow this year. The Upper Pigeon Run mine has only been in operation six months and the new West Massillon mine has not yet been opened. But next year we expect to produce about 6,000 tons of coal per month from each mine."

J. F. POCKOCK'S MINES.

The mines operated by J. F. Pocock are the Massillon City and the Elm Run. At these mines during the year 1892 an aggregate pay roll of \$10,000 to \$12,000 has been maintained. The tonnage at the Massillon City mine, located on the W. & L. E. road, has exceeded that of the preceding year. At the Elm Run mine, on the C. & W. & W. great difficulty was experienced in securing enough cars for the shipment of coal, and the tonnage was therefore lighter than last year. The inability to secure cars is the only thing that prevents these mines from getting rid of every ton of their coal as fast as it can be mined.

RUSSELL & CO.

Massillon without Russell & Co.'s works would be like a watch without a mainspring, or a body without a head, and it is therefore proper that its business should be mentioned first in the list of Massillon's manufacturing interests. The firm of Russell & Co. has enjoyed a prosperous year, and has increased its plant and facilities for turning out the best machinery that can be produced. During 1892 a large new foundry building was finished and is now in use, and the company has rebuilt and equipped the old one as an automatic engine erecting room. Besides this a four-story warehouse has been constructed on Richville avenue, and six acres of land adjoining the works on the south, required by reason of extensions and improvements have been purchased of J. H.

Hunt. The aggregate amount of improvements made to the plant and the new machinery which has been placed in the works, together with the machinery for which the firm has given orders, will reach \$75,000. The construction of large automatic engines has assumed vast proportions during the past year, and during '92 a great number were manufactured and sold. The number of men employed by the firm has been increased somewhat. Russell & Co.'s business year ends on October 1, and during the season of 1892 an increase of \$36,000 in the amount of wages paid out is shown over that of the corresponding months for the season of 1891.

HESS, SNYDER & CO.

Our business this year has been of a paradoxical nature. It has been satisfactory and unsatisfactory. Satisfactory because there has been so large a demand for our boiler furnaces, and unsatisfactory because we have not been able to fill up the orders we have received for them. Owing to our inability to fill unsolicited orders we have had no travelling salesman on the road during the last three months of the year. Our trade in the line of stoves we manufacture has also been very gratifying, and the year is the largest we have ever had in our Novelty well pumps. The prospects for 1893 are very flattering, and owing to the fact that we increased our plant by the erection of a new four story building 50x116 during 1892, we expect to further enlarge our present manufacturing capacity by adding, as soon as the weather permits, more new buildings, providing certain plans now pending are carried successfully. We give steady employment to about eighty men, and have a pay roll of \$4,000 per month.

MASSILLON BRIDGE WORKS.

The Massillon Bridge Company began their year's work on March 1, 1892, and kept the shop in operation steadily until November 1. From November 1 until the present time they have been running night and day. On September 7 their blacksmith shop was nearly destroyed by fire; what remained of this part of the works has since been torn down and a new building nearly twice the size of the old one has been erected in its place. The work of the year worthy of special mention is three cantilever arch-plate girder bridges for the World's Columbian Exposition, four bridges each one having a span of 220 feet, and one bridge 50 feet wide and 238 feet long between supports. They have a large amount of work on hand, and the year's shipments will exceed that of any one year in the history of the company. Their work is not limited to any special territory and the different states in which they have erected bridges during 1892 are Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and California. The firm has increased its force of workmen and necessarily its pay roll, and 125 employees now earn their daily bread at the works, beside the workmen composing the various construction gangs who are constantly on the road during the season.

JOS. CORN'S & SON'S IRON WORKS.

"Our works have run steadily for the past year with the exception of seven weeks during July and August, when the question of the adjustment of wages was pending. This circumstance naturally caused a slight decrease in the volume of business from that of 1891, when we were closed for only a few days in order to make necessary repairs. While the outlook for the iron business is at present reported as not very flattering, we are busy at our mill. We employ about the same number of men as last year, and our pay roll for '92 has been \$116,000."

PLANING MILLS.

Conrad, Dangler & Brown, lumber dealers and planing mill, say "this has been the best season we have ever experienced and we have had more orders for work than it was possible for us to turn out. We now employ eighteen men in the year round, and have a pay roll of \$800 a month. 1893 promises to be a big year for the contracting and building trade, upon which our business largely depends, and we therefore expect to do even better than we have in 1892. We intend to increase our capacity this winter by putting in a number of new machines."

M. A. Brown & Son, lumber yard and planing mill. "Our current year ends in February," said Frank A. Brown, who is the head of this firm, "and for the ten months of the present year we find that we have already exceeded the volume of business done during the twelve months of '91. While we have not increased the number of employees in our planing mill we have so arranged that branch of business as to permit of our handling more work. Our box factory has also been prosperous. The outlook for our business has never been better and we expect to have a fine trade during the coming year."

WARTHORST & CO.

Warthorst & Co. have not had time to prepare a detailed report, but state that the business of the past year has been very satisfactory, and in excess of previous years. They have orders on hand for next season, and the present outlook indicates that the next season will be an unusually busy and prosperous one. This firm has also added to its business during 1892 a plant for the manufacture of pressed brick.

MASSILLON STONEWARE COMPANY.

Sec'y Felix R. Shepley says: "I am at present engaged in closing up our books for the year, and therefore cannot give you much information. Our business is at present in a somewhat unsettled state, and we have just resumed work this week after over three months' idleness on account of the fire which destroyed our plant on September 19. The disaster came at the worst possible time of the year for us, as we were right in the cream of the season when we make our largest sales and secure the biggest margins. We expect to begin selling goods on the road about the latter part of January, and hope for a good trade. 1892 being a fruit year would have been a fine one had the fire not occurred when it did. We employ thirty men and our monthly pay roll amounts to from \$1,200 to \$1,500."

MASSILLON STONE & FIRE BRICK CO.

During the year \$12,000 has been expended by this company in new machinery, kilns, etc. A Russell automatic engine, 200 horse power, is now being put in, which will increase the output to 35,000 brick per day. Eighty-

five men and boys are employed, and the pay roll amounts to \$2,000 per month. The work has been in constant operation since they were rebuilt in 1891. Secretary W. G. Hipp reports that the company has just closed a very prosperous year, and indications point to considerable business for 1893.

GLASS WORKS.

Reed & Co.'s Glass Works.—During the year of 1892 Messrs. Reed & Co. placed in their works a new 8-man regenerative 250 ton tank, which has worked very successfully. The factories have been worked constantly during the season and the works will be run to the full capacity until next June, when the season ends, to fill all the orders now on the books. About the same number of men are employed as last year, and the pay roll has increased somewhat.

THE MASSILLON PAPER COMPANY.

Business this year has not been quite as good as it was in '91. This is accounted for by the fall in the price of paper. "We have," said Manager S. Silk, "increased our capacity, and the prospects for next year look bright. Considerable time and money were lost by disastrous fires which have visited our mill. The first was the burning of the saw sheds on September 4, loss \$3,000, the next, three days later, damaged the mill to the amount of \$1,200. We employ 50 men and boys all the year round, and our pay roll amounts to \$2,000 per month. The damage by the fire last night is estimated at \$50."

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

The Pennsylvania Company.—The increase of local business with this company has been of uniform character during each month of the year and will average nearly \$1,000 per month. The increase in the receipts of general merchandise has been very marked, which shows a healthy growth of our city. This increase of business continues notwithstanding the opposition caused by the clearing of cars, which has continued during the whole year. The general improvement referred to at different times, is still in progress. The material is now in the Massillon yards to be used in connecting Massillon with the western end of the double track at Canton.

The Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling.—Local Agent S. Aden reports business for 1892 as most favorable at Massillon, and from all reports traffic along the whole line has been increased over that of former years. The passenger traffic out of Massillon shows an increase, which can possibly be accounted for by the fact that the company is running three passenger trains daily each way instead of two, as heretofore. Taking the traffic of the road generally, it can be viewed in a satisfactory light.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie.—Local Agent E. P. Edgar, of the W. & L. E. furnishes the following statement of tonnage and earnings for eleven months of the year 1892: There is in some instances a decrease as compared with 1891. The reason for this is on account of the strike at the Massillon City Coal Co., for five or six weeks in our busy season, for lake shipments. There were other causes which made some decrease.

	Weight.	Earnings.
January, 1892	29,172,250	8,459.14
February, "	27,910,465	9,248.98
March, "	31,772,555	9,433.60
April, "	34,343,825	20,079.35
May, "	39,485,521	14,653.46
June, "	41,931,201	15,000.85
July, "	33,164,390	12,610.95
August, "	34,895,815	11,132.26
September, "	32,965,035	9,128.79
October, "	42,942,118	14,560.01
November "	46,631,180	15,087.04
Total	415,144,055	149,391.55

WHOLESALE GROCERY.

O. L. McLain & Co., wholesale grocers' report is almost identical with that of last year. "We have," said Messrs. McLain and Albright "made a big increase in sales over those of last year and have been obliged to put an additional traveling salesman on the road, beside adding several new men and an extra horse and wagon to our home force." This firm covers a large territory, holding old and gaining new trade steadily notwithstanding a brisk competition which it meets from wholesale houses in larger cities.

J. M. Clark started in the wholesale fruit and vegetable trade in, as he himself says, "a very small way" eight years ago. Every year his business has grown until it is now one of the most profitable in Massillon. Mr. Clark states that his books show the increase in the volume of business to be very satisfactory, probably 10 to 15 per cent. The banana and oyster trades have increased heavily. The prospects for next year are very good.

FLOURING MILLS.

The Massillon City Mills.—This mill, owned and operated by J. F. Pocock, is one of the best equipped establishments for the manufacture of flour in the state. The amount of business done by the mill has been about the same as during 1891, and the same number of men are employed. Flour has been cheaper during the past twelve months than at any corresponding period in the history of the establishment and the margin derived from sales has, therefore, been smaller. The trade in mill feed has been excellent and exceeds that of previous years.

The Warwick Sippo Mills.—Employ twenty five men, have a pay roll of \$1,000 per month. In the year of 1892 30,000 barrels of flour were turned out, and 10,000 barrels from other mills were handled by the operator. "In 1893," said Mr. Warwick, "I expect to increase the capacity of the mills by about 15,000 barrels. The year of '92 was not as prosperous as was '91 owing to the low price of wheat, but everything looks favorable for a good year in 1893."

PEOPLES' BUILDING AND LOAN CO.

The Peoples' Building and Loan Company, incorporated June 7, 1892, with a capital of \$1,000,000, was organized just in the nick of time to assist greatly in the development and growth of the city of Massillon. The business of the company for the first six months, term ending Dec. 1st 1892 surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its directors and officers. The receipt for the said term being \$19,103.08 and the profits were sufficient to pay expenses, and an eight per cent dividend per annum on paid up current stock besides the regular reserve contingent for losses as required by law, was set aside. The first loan was made

July 5, and now the company has outstanding loans amounting to over \$18,000, received by first mortgage on realty, the only security accepted by the company. At a recent meeting of the board of directors action was taken limiting the dividends on paid up stock to not more than 7 per cent per annum. The company has an excellent board of directors who have a large following, and it is not surprising that its record to date is so flattering and its prospects for the future very gratifying.

Massillon Loan and Building Co.—The Massillon Loan and Building Company was organized May 1, 1893, with a capital stock of \$500,000, divided into shares of \$200 each. The venture proved so thoroughly successful that it was found necessary in May of this year to increase the capital stock, as the former shares were nearly all issued. Accordingly the capital stock was increased to \$2,000,000. The amount of mortgage loans in force Jan. 1, 1892, was \$100,734.96; the amount of loans in force Dec. 31, 1892 is \$172,534.96; total receipts for 1891, \$58,858.32; total receipts for 1892, \$107,909.03. Forty-four new houses were built through its agency during the year just closed, and a large number secured loans to make repairs and additions.

CENTRAL UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY.—The Massillon exchange of the Central Union Telephone Company with N. S. Johnston as manager has added seventeen new phones since January 1, 1891, and it has been connected with Canton by a metallic circuit system, which is described by THE INDEPENDENT at the time it was constructed. Next year Massillon will be connected with the long distance cable which extends from New York to Chicago, and a cable will be extended between Massillon, Mansfield, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati.

R. Schimke, successor to Erhard & Schimke, brewers and bottlers, said: "Having but recently bought Mr. Erhard's interest in the business I will talk on y of the business of the late firm of Erhard & Schimke.—We have had a good year and have increased our business of 1891, which we considered a good year. Our bottle trade was good, necessitating our putting in an engine and boiler with the latest improved washing and filling machinery, so that one man can now do as much work in one day as two could with the old way. Even with these improvements we were pushed hard to fill orders. As regards the artificial ice business our average has been about seven and one-half tons a day at the factory, but the increase in our trade was so much more in 1892 over 1891 that we were compelled to buy two cars a week to supply our customers."

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Thomas Gannon Arrested for Firing a Straw Stack at the Paper Mill.

The fire department was called to the Massillon Paper Company's mill at 9 o'clock Friday, to extinguish a blaze which had been started in one of the straw stacks. After a hard fight they succeeded in putting it out. The loss is estimated at about \$50. The straw was undoubtedly set on fire by some one, and that night Thomas Gannon was arrested by the police, on suspicion of having caused the fire. Gannon, who was under the influence of liquor, had been at the mill a few minutes before the fire broke out, and insisted on sleeping there. The mill men refused to allow him to do so, and forced him to leave the building. He was noticed walking toward one of the stacks, but no further attention was paid to the matter until the fire was discovered. Other persons say they saw Gannon run away just as the hose company arrived.

THE COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

A Description of What We Will Stick on Our Letters Next Year.

As soon as the present supply of postage stamps at the Massillon post-office is exhausted the first invoice of the new Columbian series of stamps will be ordered and placed on sale. This series will only be issued during the year of 1893. They are issued in denominations ranging from one to fifty cents.

They are all made from fine engravings on steel, and each denomination bears a distinct design commemorative of the discovery of America by Columbus. The series represented on the different continents are as follows:

One cent.—"Columbus in sight of land," after the painting by William H. Powell. Color, Antwerp blue.

Two cent.—"Landing of Columbus," after the painting by Vanderlyn in the rotunda of the capitol at Washington. Color, purple maroon.

Three cent.—"Flag ship of Columbus," the Santa Maria in mid ocean, from a Spanish engraving. Color, medium shade of green.

Four cent.—"Fleet of Columbus," the three ships, Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta, in mid ocean, from a Spanish engraving. Color, ultra marine blue.

Five cent.—"Columbus soliciting aid of Isabella," after a painting by Brozik in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York city. Color, ochraceous brown.

Six cent.—"Columbus was won at Barcelona," scene from one of the panels of the bronze doors by Randolph Rogers, in the capitol at Washington. Color, royal purple.

Ten cent.—"Columbus presenting natives," after a painting by Luigi Gregori at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. Color, Vandyke brown.

Fifteen cent.—"Columbus announcing his discovery," after the painting by R. Baloca, now in Madrid. Color, dark green.

Thirty cent.—"Columbus at La Rabida," after the painting by R. Maso Colodi, Siena, brown.

Fifty cent.—"Recall of Columbus," after the painting by A. G. Heaton, now in the capitol at Washington. Color, carbon.

Amputated a Leg.

On Saturday afternoon, Dr. Williamson, assisted by Drs. Barnes and Reed, amputated the right leg just below the knee of a young man named Tim Mul-lane, who lives at the home of his father-in-law, Thomas Barrett, in State street. The patient bore up under the operation remarkably well, and a favorable result is at present anticipated. An account of a gargene having set in the foot of Mullane, the original cause being grip which developed into erysipelas.

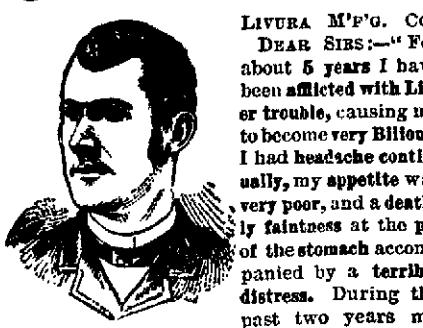
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THE HISTORY OF A YEAR.

A BRIEF RECORD OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED DURING 1892

The Annual Summing Up of Incidents which Have Been Related in "The Independent" Columns—An Interesting Resume of the Principal Events.

Many of the occurrences mentioned below have doubtless faded from the recollection of the readers of this paper, and they are thus briefly reviewed in the hope that they may interest those who pick up the last INDEPENDENT of the year 1892:

JANUARY.

1. Marriage of Henry D. Hubbard to Mary E. Moore. Death of Henry Landon.
2. Subscription for public library started.
3. Death of Mrs. Mathias Ertle.
4. First annual report of the fire department with a good showing.
5. Athletic Association directors decide to sue delinquents. John Roseman resigns as manager of Harmonia band.
6. Death of Mrs. James Mungahan.
7. Death of William Perkins and Mrs. Clara A. Barriok. Annual meeting of board of trade.
8. Otis E. Young proposes to build a railroad from Justus to Dalton—(which he didn't do).
9. Death of Mrs. Mary E. Watson. Marriage of Edward Paul, of this city, to Miss Belle Brand, of Canal Fulton.
10. Death of Nelson J. Smith, of the Plains.
11. William H. Justus's death.
12. President James R. Dunn, of the L. A. W., resigned.
13. The Massillon Light, Heat and Power Company organized.
14. Miss Lizzie Boerger's death occurs.
15. Senator Coxe writes THE INDEPENDENT a letter, telling why he joined the People's Party.
16. The city council inspects the Zanesville work house. The Stark county farmers organize a protective association in Grange hall.

FEBRUARY.

1. J. W. McClymonds' bid for building the street railway accepted by the city council. The groundhog failed to see his shadow.
2. The Massillon funding bond bill becomes a law.
3. The Stark county bar tenders Common Pleas Judge Pease a banquet in honor of his retirement. Death of Mrs. Wm. Oberlin.
4. County commissioners decide to fill in the valley at Yengling's hill. Flagman Sam Morgan breaks his leg—twice a wooden one.
5. Governor McKinley tenders J. W. McClymonds the position of executive officer of the World's Fair commission of Ohio.
6. Ft. Wayne costly freight wreck near North Lawrence; no one injured. Two hundred people dance at the great charity ball.
7. Jack Brady, of St. Louis, wrestles with Owen Courtney, of this city, and defeats him.
8. City Clerk Bayless pays a little bill of \$50,000—was in favor of the improvement bond trustees. The price of gas in Massillon lowered from \$1.60 to \$1.50.
9. Warthorst & Co. decide to manufacture pressed brick.
10. A chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew organized. Death of John Simms.
11. John Mellon killed by a fall of a rock in a Bloomingburg, Ala., coal mine. A strike at Warthorst & Co.'s stone quarry, twenty men paid and discharged.
12. George W. Lemmon gets the contract for paving South Erie street. Daniel Jones killed at the the Pigeon Run mine.

MARCH.

1. One of Massillon's oldest residents, Mrs. Mary Long, dies.
2. The Methodist Sunday school semi-centennial.
3. The INDEPENDENT's prize portrait contest begun.
4. The subscription for an enclosed ball ground started.
5. The Massillon bridge company gets a contract to furnish one half mile of bridge girders for the World's Fair.
6. Russell team reorganizes with W. R. Lipps as manager.
7. The green goods men write to C. L. McLain.
8. Samuel Hunt, the oldest banker in Massillon, dies. Harry Conrad nearly loses his sight.
9. Health Officer Miller's annual report.
10. Democratic caucus nominates Frank Shepley for mayor; he declines.
11. Massillon Building and Loan company decides to increase its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.
12. John Meera instantly killed by a falling rock at the Drake coal mine.
13. The primary elections; Wm. M. Reed renominated by the Republicans, with no opponent. Iza Homard afflicted with a range madly president.
14. Charles Steese elected president of the First National bank. The Eastern Ohio Insane Asylum bill passes the house at Columbus.
15. Clarence M. McLain succeeds Alfred Hopper as superintendent of the Light, Heat and Power company.
16. Hi Williams, of Canton, arrested on suspicion of having buncoed Harmon Schriver.
17. Third annual convention of Canton District Epworth Leagues opens in Massillon. East Ohio branch of the Woman's Missionary Association convenes in the U. B. church.
18. INDEPENDENT readers discuss the dog question.

APRIL.

1. Richard R. Crawford, Jr., wins THE INDEPENDENT's prominent men portrait contest. Warthorst stone quarry strikers attempt to throw Watchman Eldridge in the canal.
2. The local election—Wm. M. Reed re-elected mayor and a general Republican victory is scored.
3. Death of Archer Corns. Russell & Co.'s annual train starts for Portland, Ore.
4. Hi Williams's trial begins. He is acquitted the next day.
5. The Massillon Street Railway Company formed. A Salom lady robbed in Massillon.
6. The Watson property sold to J. W. McClymonds, who will build a residence.
7. Hi Williams decides to sue Harmon Schriver—but he hasn't done it yet.
8. Contractor Dreabach breaks ground for the inter urban railway. Republican congressional primary

election. The W. & L. E. settles with Charles A. Conrad for \$10,000.

19. Andrew Schabow, of Lorain, killed by a C. L. & W. train while making his second trip as brakeman.

20. The old council dies and a new one organizes.

21. Marriage of Matthew T. Moses, of Cleve and, to Laura Lavers, of Massillon.

22. Miss Carrie Siffert elected senior vice president of the state division D. of V. at Alliance.

23. Corner stone of the new St. Joseph's English Catholic church laid by Bishop Horstmann.

24. Five saloon keepers pay \$50 each for "trifling with the law"—they kept open on Sunday.

25. The C. Y. M. A. minstrels delight theatre goers.

26. James N. Merwin married to Harriet M. Kuapp.

27. Mr. Washington—Congressman Warwick and other Ohioans arrested and taken before the speaker of the House.

MAY.

1. The celebrated Snyder-Albright case comes up in court but is continued on account of Perry Merrill's absence. The club house ladies give a leap year party.
2. Peter Wilhelm, of South Erie street, supposed to have swallowed poison, but post mortem shows his death was due to natural causes. The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hamersmith.
3. Snyder-Albright case continued until September at the plaintiff's request.
4. The Russell base ball park opened; the home team defeat the Duebers by a score of 9 to 0.
5. The police force enlarged from four to seven men.
6. Sylvanus Royer and Miss Alice Boerner married at St. Joseph's church.
7. Marriage of Henry Parr, of Canton, to Miss Orpha Schaffert, of this city.
8. Mr. McCue pays the costs for getting laying his hands on Mr. McCaughey. Mrs. Brunny prevents the electric light company from putting a pole in front of her house by jumping in the hole.
9. The Methodist church burned to the ground and Massillon's town clock completely destroyed.
10. Senator Coxe secures the People's party state convention for Massillon (you know the rest).
11. Twelve-year-old Henry Myers tries to board a freight and has his foot mangled.
12. W. Edwards wins THE INDEPENDENT's prize for the best poem on the Massillon town clock.
13. Jack Sheehan wants \$10,000 from THE INDEPENDENT for alleged libel.
14. Landlord Ewing, of the Waverly, pays a fifty dollar fine for using oleomargarine. He did not know the law.
15. State President Mrs. Everhard addresses the Woman's Suffrage convention at Salem. Charles Kaylor has his jaw fractured while dressing a grindstone at Russell's shop.
16. The People's Building and Loan Company organized with a capital of \$1,000,000. Mrs. Everhard re-elected as president of the Ohio Woman's Suffrage Association.
17. The Memorial day in Massillon. Death of Miss Maretha Hardgrove.

JUNE.

1. James H. Harper, of Uhrichsville, killed at the P. F. W. & C. Main street crossing.
2. Richard Morris, aged 16, nearly killed by a tram car near the rolling mill.
3. T. John Ashton, of Canal Dover, wedded to Miss Margaret Perry, of this city.
4. Death of Justice Krider, of Tuscarawas township.
5. The council decides to pave East Main street.
6. Dr. J. F. Gardner explains some peculiar things about Democratic conventions.
7. Coal miner George Mong killed by a W. & L. E. train.
8. Jacob Mohler becomes a victim of choke damp.
9. The Russells play their first Sunday game and defeat the East End Grays, of Cleveland.
10. W. K. L. Warwick sits down on the old line politicians at Columbus.
11. Young Frank Vogt fatally injured by a fall at Hess, Snyder & Co.'s new building.
12. The drowning of Josiah Clutz, Jr., in the Tuscarawas river.
13. The Rev. James Kuhn wings a burglar. Massillon merchants swindled with raised certificates of deposit.
14. The high school commencement. Martin Brenner married to Ida Wecht at Dalton.
15. Death of Joseph Corns. The body of Josiah Clutz, Jr., found.
16. The Vogt Stone Company assigns.
17. John Coxen instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun at North Lawrence.
18. A 6-year-old girl falls from a third story window and only suffers a fractured arm.

JULY.

1. The first car comes over from Canton on the Inter-Urban street railway.
2. Bitaker beats the First National bank out of \$400 on a forged note.
3. The asylum commissioners pay their first visit to Massillon—Glad they came.
4. Frank C. McLain secures a bride in the person of Miss Mary Williams, of Canton. Dr. D. S. Gardner elected lieutenant colonel, Ohio Division Sons of Veterans.
5. Ezekiel Keller decides to test the hog ordinance.
6. The Faith Lutheran chapel dedicated.
7. Ezekiel Keller decides to let some one else test the hog ordinance. Fined \$1 and costs.
8. The United Green Glass Workers of the United States and Canada re-elect Louis Arrington, of Massillon, president.
9. Massillon experiences a terrible storm of wind, rain, and lightning, much damage done.
10. Frank Ryder and Edith Bearick were married.
11. Two hundred people entertained at Oak Knoll by Mrs. Wales, Miss Wales, Miss Laura Russell.
12. A singular circumstance, Frank Vogt who was fatally injured at Hess, Snyder & Co.'s shops, foretells the hour of his death.
13. The board of trade submit their proposition to the asylum commissioners at the Hotel Conrad.
14. The death of Congressman Warwick at Washington, D. C. A. J. Wire's

grocery store closed by the sheriff.

15. The new Sailer Hotel opened to the public.

16. The state convention of the People's party opens in Butler's opera house.

17. Enterprise division captures a prize at Pilsburg.

18. St. Mary's Catholic church dedicated.

19. The council orders the Water Company to move their pumps. Marriage of Wm. R. Malone to Helen Willhams.

20. The Beaver Harry D. horse race that wasn't run.

21. Young Nick Antonio Jr. tries to die but fails.

22. John A. Snyder captures the East Main street paving contract.

23. The Beaver-Harry D. case dismissed; Mr. Clay pays the freight.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Daniel Dougherty burned to death in a fire at the paper mill.
2. The Russell picnic at Meyer's Lake.
3. Labor Day celebrated.
4. Massillon gets the Eastern Ohio insane asylum.
5. Justus Gustavus Paul married to Miss Catharine Keller.
6. Congressman Warwick's successor chosen at Orrville.
7. Bud Crooke paces a mile in 2:16 on the Massillon track. The Massillon Stoneware Company's plant destroyed.
8. Horrible wreck on the P. F. W. & C. at Shreve, D. E. Reese, of this city, being one of the eleven killed.
9. Nele King elected national president of the Daughters of Veterans. The Snyder-Albright case called at last.

OCTOBER.

1. Capture of Burglar Rose, who robbed Diehlmann's clothing store.
2. Messrs. Robert Bryant, P. H. Hoyt and John W. Millard, members of the Jamestown, N. Y., board of public works, visited the city and made a tour of inspection. The new baggage and express car on the inter-urban line made its first run.
3. Marriage of Jas. A. Taggart, of Canton, and Miss Mary Lyon, of this city.
4. The arrest of Mrs. Edward Meyers by U. S. Deputy Marshal H. P. Seymour, for mailing defamatory letters.
5. Citizens object to the street railway's baggage car.
6. J. W. Reeves's store burglarized.
7. P. G. Albright wins the \$30,000 suit.
8. The deeds for the asylum tract turned over to the state.
9. The Young Men's Democratic club becomes the Massillon Democratic club.
10. Columbus Day celebrated in grand style.
11. Marriage of Harry E. Whistler and Miss Mary M. Brown.
12. Mickey Burns defeats Lon McDougall in a prize fight at Meyer's Lake.
13. The day nursery opened.

NOVEMBER.

1. The council says the railroads must operate safety gates all night. Do they?
2. A Gabele's shoe store burglarized.
3. K. F. Erhard retires from the firm of Erhard & S-hinke.
4. Election day. Marriage of Chas. E. Brown to Frankie McGhie.
5. Charles London's death. Michael Ratchford tells some truths about John McBride. The Pennyvania Company decides to re-open the Cleveland & Massillon railroad.
6. August Sturm married to Rose Walker, of Navarre.
7. Firebugs make two attempts to burn the Shorb grocery houses.
8. City councilmen decide to build a new engine house.
9. The key day in Massillon. Thanksgiving foot ball game—Massillon 38, Canton 0.
10. The Wheeling & Lake Erie Company decides to abandon their Trenton street trestle except for switching purposes.

DECEMBER.

1. The food and dairy commissioner starts up Massillon grocers. Order of Red men organized. Manager Blair's proposition read before the board of trade.
2. The German Volunteer presented by the Sons of Veterans.
3. Martin Schaefer's death.
4. Death of Wm. H. Geis.
5. Scoundrels burn the greenhouses of A. Shorb at ever 1st emp's.
6. First meeting of the asylum trustees. John Benot killed in the Pigeon Run mine.
7. The wedding of Edward S. Rigdon and Clara W. Wertzaugher.
8. The board of trade accepts Manager Blair's proposition to move the V. & L. E. terminals to Massillon.
9. Farmer Frank Poorman held up by highwaymen and robbed of sixty-five dollars.
10. J. R. Haitter's country home robbed at 11 p. m. day light.
11. The Burch directory gives Massillon 14,000 inhabitants.
12. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willison celebrate their golden wedding. Death of John Moorman.
13. Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Schuckers.
14. John H. Williams wins THE INDEPENDENT prize for the best Christmas story.
15. Christmas Day. The last services in the old St. Timothy's church and the first in the new St. Joseph's.

WAS HE ROBBED.

Doubt Expressed by the Neighbors of Frank Poorman on That Point.

During the past few days the residents of Tuscarawas township have been inclined to place a new construction on the tale of Frank Poorman, who claimed to have been robbed of \$65 two weeks ago to-day.

Color is given to this story by the statements of two farmers in that vicinity who claim that on the day of the robbery they were stopped by two men who tried to induce them to play some kind of a game in which three boxes and a watch were used.

The watch was placed in one of the boxes, and after they had moved them about were told to select the one which contained the watch and allowed to bet as much money they wished on the result of the guess. A young lady who lives near Poorman claims that while on her way home on the day of the alleged robbery she passed him and two strange men on the road and she noticed that they were playing some kind of a game with three boxes.

THE WAVERLY BURNED.

FIRE DESTROYS JOSEPH GRAPEVINE'S HOTEL.

At 6 O'clock Last Night Fire was Discovered in the Elevator Shaft, and in a Few Hours the Interior was Ruined—Will be Rebuilt as Soon as Possible.

From Friday's Daily Edition

Fire broke out in the four story brick Waverly Hotel, at the corner of Erie and Railroad streets, opposite the P. F. W. & C. depot, at six o'clock last evening, and burned fiercely for several hours before the firemen succeeded in getting it under control. The origin of the fire is somewhat of a mystery, but it is thought that it started in the elevator shaft.

Fireman Bates, of Central hose company No. 1, states that when he first entered the building the only flames he saw were in a room on the third floor next to the elevator entrance. These he succeeded in quelling with his chemical extinguisher. Thinking that his work was completed, he was about to descend the stairs when he discovered that the walls of the elevator shaft were in flames from top to bottom and that the fire had gained good headway in the attic. There being a tin roof on the building, the flames did not break through, and it was impossible to locate the seat of the fire from the exterior.

A ladder was put up at once, however, and a line of hose run through a window on the third floor, but the fire men were ordered down on account of the weakness of the walls, which were of frame veneered with one layer of brick, and therefore considered unsafe. After a hard fight the fire was extinguished, but the upper story of the building was a complete wreck and holes were burned through each floor around the elevator. Landlord Ewing left yesterday morning for Washington county, Pa., his old home, for a visit of several weeks, and it is there fore impossible to say at present what his plans for the future are.

Joseph Grapevine, the owner of the building, said to an INDEPENDENT representative, this morning, that it was his intention to rebuild as soon as possible, and as he had purchased a lot on the other side of the old building some time since, the new structure will be rather larger in area but only two stories high. The first floor will be used for transient trade only, and the upper floor will contain thirty-five rooms for the regular boarders.

Most of the occupants of the hotel succeeded in getting out their belongings, but the furniture in nearly all of the rooms is completely ruined by smoke and water.

The ground floor of the building is in fairly good condition, the office, kitchen, reading and dining rooms having been scarcely touched by the flames, the water being responsible for the principal damage to them. On the second floor the east side of the hotel has suffered the most, and the charred remains of chairs and beds are seen in the sleeping apartments. On the east side of this floor the furniture in the rooms is covered with a coat of soot, but few traces of fire or smoke are visible. On the top floor but a mass of charred lumber remains.

The insurance is as follows: On the building the owner, Jos. H. Grapevine, carries \$5,000 with the Arnold Bros. agency divided as follows:

Western Union, New York	\$2,000
Home of New York	1,500
Phoenix of Connecticut	1,000
Delaware, of Philadelphia	500

Total.....\$5,000

Landlord Ewing carries with J. E. Johns's agency \$3,000, divided equally between the Knox Mutual, of Mt. Vernon, and the Richmond Mutual, of Mansfield. The insurance adjusters have been notified and are expected to arrive within a few days.

The Waverly Hotel was erected by Contractor John Farrar and Taylor Clay at a cost of \$11,000 in 1893. It was sold his int rest to Mr. Clay, and it passed into the possession of Joseph H. Grapevine a few years ago. There were at the time of the fire about thirty regular boarders at the hotel, most of whom are expected to return to their homes. A good transient trade was also well taken care of by Landlord Ewing. It is fortunate that the fire occurred early in the evening, as many of the occupants of the building might have been burned to death had it occurred late at night.

Considerable excitement was created shortly after the firemen arrived by a story to the effect that one of the boarders had been burned to death while endeavoring to secure his trunk and other possessions from a room on the third floor. This rumor was knocked in the head, however, by the appearance of the supposed dead man a few moments later.

THE BROWN LUMBER CO.

M. A. Brown & Son's Incorporated Under the Above Name

The Brown Lumber Co. was incorporated Friday with the following officers and directors, and with a subscribed capital stock of \$60,000: J. W. McClymonds, president; J. F. Pocock, vice president, and E. A. Brown, secretary, treasurer and general manager. Directors, J. W. McClymonds, J. F. Pocock, I. M. Taggart, Jas. C. Corns, and F. A. Brown.

The company has purchased the plant, stock, accounts and good will of the firm heretofore doing business as M. A. Brown & Son, agents, and will continue the lumber business and manufacture of cigar boxes. It is too early to say much in regard to the plans of the new company, but the names of the incorporators and the report of the business which has been done by the firm of M. A. Brown & Son during the past year, as related in another column, affords sufficient ground for the belief that the future business of the corporation will be most successful.

Accommodating.

"Deary, will you elope with me?" "Yes, George, just as soon as papa and mamma have made all the arrangements."—Chicago News-Record.

Proof.

"It's the little things that tell." "Adege true, like many others. If you don't believe it—well, Ask big sisters with small brothers."—Life

BABY LOUISE.

I'm in love with you, Baby Louise—With your silken hair and your soft blue eyes. And the dreamy wisdom that in them lies. And the faint, sweet smile you brought from the skies. God's anshrine, Baby Louise!

When you fold your hands, Baby Louise—Your hands, like two doves, so true and fair. With a loving fervor, saint-like air. Are you trying to think of some angel taught prayer? You learned above, Baby Louise!

I'm in love with you, Baby Louise! Why you never raise your beautiful head! Some day, little one, your cheek will grow red. With a flush of delight to hear the words said. "I love you," Baby Louise!

Do you hear me, Baby Louise? I have sung your praise for nearly an hour. And your lashes keep drooping lower and lower. And you've gone to sleep like a weary flower. Ungrateful Baby Louise!

Margaret Eytzinge.

A PRESCRIPTION.

Arthur Brenton was a young man possessed of some money and a good deal of ability. But something else in turn possessed him—namely, a passion. It was not a passion that led him into any folly, nor less overwork be counted as dissipation. It was not the passion that controls or molds nine-tenths of the human race. The object of his adoration had its origin in the most intense heat imaginable, but its radiance was cold and impersonal. He cared more for the sharp, quick, selfish sparkles from a dynamo machine than for the light of wit or tenderness in a woman's eye. The passion that possessed him was for electricity.

"I can't understand this at all," said his friend Reed, picking up Brenton's room one day a pamphlet filled with long mathematical formulae and strange designs of instruments. "Can't understand it any more than I can your absorption in this pursuit. How can you go on with such a horribly dreary reading?"

Brenton replied, "The dryness of the reading, my boy only increases the thirst for knowledge."

"Of course," said Reed. After an instant he laughed and added: "Oh, I understand that. It's a joke. But don't you ever get tired of it?"

"Yes," Brenton admitted. "The fact is I'm tired now for almost the first time. Somehow I'm losing interest in my studies. My head doesn't work well, and I don't know what the trouble is."

"And Brenton went to his physician that very evening. A few days later Reed was surprised to meet him at a dinner party, for his friend was a man who seldom went out. Brenton was a extremely gay and seemed to throw his whole heart into the affair. What he was throwing into the conversation with his neighbor, party Miss Reed, Reed could not tell, but he was evidently pleased.

"Well, old fellow," Reed said to him when they were smoking. "You seem in such good trim, I take it you are all right?"

"There's nothing in the world the matter with me," Brenton answered bravely. "Doctor said so. Let us live and be happy."

This colloquy to Reed was unusual in him that he began to think that there was something about the matter. He worried himself about his friend's brain. Reed was never troubled about his own brain, although he frequently reflected and went much into society. But his concern for Brenton deepened as he met him day after day and night after night at receptions, dinners and even at balls. The worst shock was still to come. One remarkable night he found himself sitting opposite Brenton at a select little poker party in the house of a friend, and they parted at the morning, Brenton having bid freely and left a couple of hundred.

"Look here, Arthur," said Reed on the doorstep, feeling it his duty to speak. "This isn't the sort of thing for you at all. You don't know how to play poker, and you can't afford to pay for your losses."

"Silly old fellow," answered Brenton, who had drunk nothing but seltzer during the night. "I am all the richer for having lost two hundred and odd dollars."

"Well, but your work," Reed insisted, with the fatherly benevolence inspired by his wasted drafts of champagne at the card table. "How can you go on in this way and attend to your work?"

"I don't do any," said Brenton. "But don't you electricity, I mean," said Reed.

Brenton looked severe. "Don't mention that word to me," said he. "I know nothing about electricity."

Of course after that there was but one conclusion for Reed to draw. His friend was insane. It was perfectly natural that Reed should draw this conclusion, for that he should not frequent clubs, mix up with the noisy parties, that he should know nothing about electricity, and very little about anything else. All this for him was healthy and reasonable, but for Brenton to be in the same condition and to do the same things was pure insanity. Let us be just to Reed. He felt keen sorrow for the fact, but he decided that his duty for the present was to keep the mournful secret to himself.

Other people did not seem to suspect it at all. Brenton had a large circle of uncondemning or unelectric friends, who had long been trying to draw him into their gaieties and were only too glad that he had at last hearkened to their persuasions. They knew he was bright. They were rejoiced to see him take his proper place, and rapidly became a favorite. The parties were more numerous. They were more rich. Old Miss Sarah Paret, who, with no need for money, had become a sort of receiving reservoir of the family wealth, was looked upon with great interest by all the branches which acted as distributing reservoirs, and old Miss Sarah had long ago taken a great fancy to Brenton.

I suspect her of having for some time planned a match between him and her niece, Lily Paret, the one he had sat next to at the dinner I have mentioned. Miss Sarah was too proud, too rich and too madly to divulge this amatory plan, but I suspect her all the same. It gave her great delight to see the interest in the young man which Lily showed. And, as Brenton paid a great deal of attention to Lily Paret, nearly every one began to agree that he had forsaken science for society, and that, instead of devoting himself to abstruse electrical measurement, he would doubtless very soon begin an experiment with two lives made a unit by marriage.

Lily had always been indifferent to the admirers who had presented themselves during the two or three seasons since she had made her debut. And finally her parents and old Miss Sarah grew anxious at her lack of zeal for the good things of the

life to which she was born. But when Brenton appeared on the scene and gave himself up to the pleasures of the world, his example seemed to do her good and she became quite herself again. Or was it herself with a little something added? Certainly no one before had seen her eyes sparkle so brightly or her cheeks blush with so happy a glow as now.

"And you really think you will give up your scientific life?" she asked in all earnestness, when they were chatting alone in the corner after one of Miss Sarah's solemnly elegant Sunday teas. "You have been so wedded to science, don't you know, I don't wonder you could ever break your heart into the traces?"

Without letting her finish he said, "Possibly I might break my heart out of the traces." And he looked at her in such a way that she could hardly doubt his wish to convey the idea that she would be the cause of the catastrophe.

"Oh, you know what I mean," she said quite lightly and laughing.

Brenton was perhaps more earnest and engaging than he knew. He replied, "The question is, do you know what I mean?" Lily was equal to the situation still. "I don't believe you know yourself," said she cheerfully.

"Ah, well, if you have so little faith in my knowledge as that," he began. Just then they were interrupted by Julian Reed, who approached, casting a glance of solitude at Brenton, who at once set out to talk earnestly some commonplace by way of an excuse.

In the ensuing weeks Brenton was more assiduous than ever. He came to see Lily Paret as often as he reasonably could. He dined with her, sent her flowers, made himself her servant. He did all the baking in the sunlight of her presence which is expected from a young man who is in love. And all the time old Miss Sarah thought he seemed to grow stronger, brighter and happier.

"Lily is her very life," she exclaimed philosophically, in the privacy of her lonely house to the Paret diamonds, which were the only ornaments she had.

Matters went on thus for two months. Then Brenton suddenly disappeared. He was seen no more in the club or cafe, drawing room or ballroom. Everybody was asking, "What can have become of him?" Old Miss Sarah could not make it out. Lily's mother inquired of Julian Reed whether Brenton was ill. "I'm afraid he is," said Reed, and reproached himself for not having told somebody about Arthur's insanity.

"You're afraid he is?" returned Mrs. Paret indignantly. "It seems to me you ought to be afraid."

Reed could not cause himself to fly, and went on to look for Brenton. But it happened that the very next day Mrs. Paret, who seldom walked, was on foot in her house, and met Arthur Brenton himself, looking exceedingly well.

"Why, what has become of you?" she inquired.

"Nothing," said Arthur. "I've gone back to my work, as usual."

"What do you mean?" "I'll tell you," he said. "I had almost killed two cows. My doctor said I must throw everything over and take a vacation. He prescribed seltzer. I accepted his advice. I've had a splendid time, and now I'm all fresh again for my studies."

"Oh, my," Mrs. Paret returned somewhat dubiously. "I'm glad to hear you have such a wise doctor. It was long time that he has not come to see you."

"My dear Mrs. Paret," Brenton exclaimed. "Don't read it a dose. I assure you it has been a charming experience."

"Thanks," said Mrs. Paret and left him. Brenton feared that something had gone wrong. His own sensations, moreover, confirmed the fear. He was not comfortable. Somehow in spite of his refreshed state, electricity did not seem quite so attractive as formerly.

In a short time Lily Paret's interest in social affairs also revived. With her light brown hair, her delicate coloring, her graceful, quiet, listening manner, she was as charming as ever, but beyond question she grew paler and more morose day by day. The doctor was summoned on the same downward person who had attended Brenton's change. It could not be seen or air, but of occupation. He said that chills and fever and became depressed in some intellectual pursuit. I should expect it to do her great good. But it was a hard thing to manage."

Lily, however, did not think it hard. She dropped society for a while. She lay in bed a good deal, but when she was able to start off, Lily went on the prescribed line.

And what a branch of study she found. She chose. Curiously enough, the study. In her ardent, feminine way she was soon to find winter, so that when Brenton, beginning to feel run down again, tried to find remedy and plunged into the "stream of gravity," he did not find her there, and promptly put her back on the "stream."

Lily, in her occupation, which was considered a little rest to health and cheerfulness, but as for Brenton, he felt his powers declining terribly.

